

on Mad Cow Disease: Are Our Precautions Adequate?

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, April 4, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. in Dirksen 226.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWERS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 4, 2001 at 9:30 a.m. in open session to receive testimony regarding shipbuilding industrial base issues and initiatives.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NATIONAL SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK

On April 3, 2001, the Senate amended and passed S. Res. 55, as follows:

S. RES. 55

Whereas the month of April has been designated National Child Abuse Prevention Month as an annual tradition initiated in 1979 by former President Jimmy Carter;

Whereas the most recent Government figures show that almost 1,000,000 children were victims of abuse and neglect in 1998, causing unspeakable pain and suffering to our most vulnerable citizens;

Whereas among the children who are victims of abuse and neglect, more than 3 children die each day in this country;

Whereas the rate of child fatalities resulting from child abuse and neglect in 1998 for children aged 1 and younger accounted for 40 percent of the fatalities, and for children aged 5 and younger accounted for 77.5 percent of the fatalities;

Whereas head trauma is the leading cause of death of abused children, including the trauma known as Shaken Baby Syndrome;

Whereas Shaken Baby Syndrome is a totally preventable form of child abuse, caused by a caregiver losing control and shaking a baby that is usually less than 1 year of age;

Whereas Shaken Baby Syndrome can result in loss of vision, brain damage, paralysis, seizures, or death;

Whereas an estimated 3,000 children are diagnosed with Shaken Baby Syndrome every year, with thousands more misdiagnosed and undetected;

Whereas Shaken Baby Syndrome often results in permanent, irreparable brain damage or death to an infant, and more than \$1,000,000 in medical costs to care for a single, disabled child in just the first few years of life;

Whereas the most effective solution for ending Shaken Baby Syndrome is to prevent such abuse, and it is clear that the minimal costs of education and prevention programs may prevent enormous medical and disability costs and untold grief for many families;

Whereas prevention programs have been shown to raise awareness and provide criti-

cally important information about Shaken Baby Syndrome to parents, caregivers, day-care workers, child protection employees, law enforcement personnel, health care professionals, and legal representatives;

Whereas prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome is supported by groups such as the Shaken Baby Alliance, an organization which began with 3 mothers of children who had been diagnosed with Shaken Baby Syndrome, and whose mission is to educate the general public and professionals about Shaken Baby Syndrome and to increase support for victims and victim families in the health care and criminal justice systems;

Whereas child abuse prevention programs and "National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week" are supported by the Shaken Baby Alliance, Children's Defense Fund, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Medical Association, Child Welfare League of America, Prevent Child Abuse America, Brain Injury Association, National Child Abuse Coalition, National Exchange Club Foundation, American Humane Association, Center for Child Protection and Family Support, Inc., National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions, and many other organizations including the National Basketball Association, which is sponsoring a series of "NBA Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Night 2001" events to generate public awareness about the issue of child abuse and neglect during National Child Abuse Prevention Month 2001;

Whereas a year 2000 survey by Prevent Child Abuse America shows that 1/2 of all Americans believe child abuse and neglect is the most important issue facing this country compared to other public health issues; and

Whereas Congress strongly supports efforts to protect children from abuse and neglect: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the third week of April, as "National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week" for the year 2001 and all future years; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation urging the people of the United States to remember the victims of Shaken Baby Syndrome and participate in educational programs to help prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 700

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I understand S. 700 is at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 700) to establish a Federal interagency task force for the purpose of coordinating actions to prevent the outbreak of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (commonly known as "mad cow disease") and foot-and-mouth disease in the United States.

Mr. STEVENS. I now ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the rule, the bill will receive its second reading on the next legislative day.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, for those reading this, this is the Campbell-Kohl-Hatch Mad Cow and Related Diseases Prevention Act of 2001.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2001

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, April 5. I further ask consent that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume the concurrent budget resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, for the information of Senators, speaking for the leader, tomorrow the Senate will resume consideration of the two pending amendments to the budget resolution. Following 10 minutes for debate, there will be two consecutive votes beginning at approximately 9:30 a.m. Those votes are in relation to the Stabenow and Collins amendments regarding home health. Additional votes will occur during the day. Again, a late night is expected as the Senate nears completion of this budget resolution.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:15 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:53 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, April 5, 2001, at 9:15 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate April 4, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

THEODORE WILLIAM KASSINGER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, VICE JAMES A. DORSKIND.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SEAN B. O'HOLLAREN, OF OREGON, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, VICE MICHAEL J. FRAZIER, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

JOHN B. TAYLOR, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AN UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE TIMOTHY F. GEITHNER.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

PAULA J. DOBRIANSKY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE (GLOBAL AFFAIRS), VICE FRANK E. LOY.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

STEPHEN A. PERRY, OF OHIO, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF GENERAL SERVICES, VICE DAVID J. BARRAM, RESIGNED.

THE JUDICIARY

MAURICE A. ROSS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE HENRY F. GREENE, TERM EXPIRED.

ERIK PATRICK CHRISTIAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR